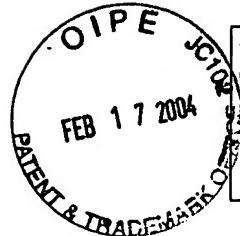


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Our check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is presented for consideration prior to the continued examination of this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.